



## **Governance, Peacebuilding, Conflict Sensitivity Advisor Colombo, Sri Lanka**

\*Hiring for this position is contingent upon funding

### **ABOUT US:**

Founded in 1992, IWPR is an independent not-for profit organisation that works with media and civil society to promote positive change in conflict zones, closed societies, and countries in transition around the world. It has coordinating offices in the United States and the Netherlands, and a global headquarters in London. IWPR supports local reporters, citizen journalists and civil society activists in countries in conflict, crisis and transition around the world. It trains, mentors and provides platforms for professional and citizen reporters; builds up the institutional capacity of media and civic groups; and works with partners to remove barriers to free expression, robust public debate and citizen engagement. IWPR works on the ground in more than 20 countries.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The overall goal of the MEND activity is to improve citizen access to balanced, reliable, and objective news in Sri Lanka. This project will support Sri Lanka's efforts to solidify recent advances in media freedom and democratic governance. This will require working with media, journalists and editors, media-related commissions and agencies, and relevant organizations that support media, access to information, and media freedom.

The activity's primary objectives include:

- 1) Improved media governance and enabling environment;
- 2) Improved media capacity to provide balanced, informed, unbiased, and ethical reporting on key policy and public interest issues; and
- 3) Media serves as a forum for important national dialogues.

### **SUMMARY:**

Coordinate conflict sensitivity related to the program implementation as well as provide high quality advisory services, do no harm measures, and peacebuilding to a variety of partners and clients. Develop quality governance in Sri Lanka in order to achieve IWPR's mission.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Provide analytical, strategic and technical support to ensure conflict sensitivity are integrated into the design and implementation of the program. Identify opportunities to build confidence and mutual trust between national stakeholders, including government, community and civil society. Lead in the creation of board tools and governance policies and protocols.

Review and advise on research proposals, drafts and briefs, and leading field work as assigned. Promote learning and knowledge management through documentation and knowledge sharing around best practices.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

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- Master's Degree in political science, sociology, international relations, public administration or other related area. An equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.
- At least 7 years of demonstrated experience working in media and civil society programming in post-conflict environments.
- Clear understanding and experience of corporate governance requirements in the NGO sector.
- Outstanding coordination skills, with ability to handle multiple activities concurrently, work under pressure, and meet tight deadlines.
- Extensive experience applying conflict-sensitive approaches to media programming and the use of media to advance peacebuilding.
- Equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.

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